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SUBJECT: ODC SLOVENIA SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT,
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¶1. SUMMARY. The MOD signed the ACSA implementing letter; Gasper Kresnik is "FSN of the Year"; the new ODC Chief, Lt Col Gene Moty arrived; Bell 412 IFF installation schedule is not yet finalized.

¶2. KEY ISSUES AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

¶A. FMF

1) ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (S3-D-TAC, \$650,194)
The Slovene Coordinator for the English Language School was hired but her start date has not been announced. In the interim, Kathy Lance is performing the duties of the coordinator.

2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD TEAM (S3-B-OAB, \$153,522)
ODC continues to work with the Commander of the Vipava Training Center to assist him in implementing improvements to Slovenia's basic training.

3) BELL 412 VHF RADIO and IFF (S3-B-UAJ/UAK)
Installation of the radios (UAJ) is proceeding, but has been delayed. The Project manager asked for ODC assistance in contacting the contractor to finalize the mod schedule. The ODC is working with CECOM, the 15th Brigade (Air Force), and Raytheon to determine the installation schedule for the IFF; the earliest start date would be in the fall.

4) BLANKET TRAINING (S3-B-OAC)
Four junior NCOs from the 10th Motorized Battalion (10th MOTB) graduated from the Primary Leadership Course at the 7th Army NCO Academy. This was the second group of Slovenes attending this training.

¶B. DCS/CONTRACTOR

1) GPS. The Slovenes signed GPS MOU IV this spring. The ODC is working on determining what actions are still required to get the GPS receiver exported to Slovenia. The GPS is planned to be installed in the Cougar helicopters.

¶C. IMET

1) Eight students have been processed for IMET training in the US. Four students departed to attend mid-level invitational PME, namely the Air Command and Staff College, Army Command and General Staff College and U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy.

2) End of year money in the amount of \$68,000 was requested for three courses:
- B155420 Advanced Management Program
- B172599 Intl Off Intel Advanced and B172600 Intel in Combat Terrorism
- P171207 SNCO Career Course USMC

3) An ECL test was administered to six (6) students all for FY05 IMET.

¶D. MARSHALL CENTER

1) "Lessons Learned from Recent Terrorist Attacks", Ljubljana, 28 June - 01 July 2005. The conference brought together over 100 experts from 27 NATO - Russia Council nations to compare lessons learned from recent Islamic-militant attacks, with emphasis on presentations from the US, Spain and Turkey. Slovenian Foreign Minister Dr. Dimitrij Rupel opened the conference. Also speaking at the opening were US Ambassador to Slovenia Thomas B. Robertson, German Ambassador Hans Jochen Peters, Director of Russia Relations at the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division Paul Fritch, and George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies Director Dr. John Rose.

2) While in Slovenia Dr. Rose met with several senior officials from the ministries which send their employees to the George C. Marshall Center for resident programs and conferences. The main topic of discussion at all the Ministries was how to bolster cooperation and attract more Slovene participants to the Marshall

Center resident seminars (Program in Advanced Security Studies and Program in Terrorism and Security Studies).

3) Dr. Rose met with the Minister of Interior Dragutin Mate. Mr. Mate reassured that the Marshall Center provides valuable training for the Ministry of Interior and the Police. Further the Minister expressed interest in co-hosting a conference in 2007 on a topic that would be interesting for both parties.

4) At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Rose met with Ambassador Mitja Strukelj, Secretary General and Dr. Janez Sumrada, Head of the Policy Planning and Research Division. Mr. Sturkelj stressed that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has a shortage of personnel and many activities (OSCE presidency, preparing for the EU presidency) that prevent them from sending more people to the Marshall Center resident seminars.

5) At the Ministry of Defense, Dr. Rose, Mr. Franci Znidarsic, Deputy Minister and Mr. Drago Bitenc, Head of Personnel Department, discussed how to make sure that the MOD/Slovene Armed Forces personnel will be given credit for attending Marshall Center resident seminars. Currently attending resident courses doesn't provide any career enhancement and thus the personnel are not motivated to attend 3-month training in Garmisch. Dr. Rose will provide syllabi for the core and elective courses, which will help the MOD include Marshall Center seminars in the MOD education and training system.

6) The Marshall Center Graduate support office hosted "Slovenia Security Cooperation Roundtable" on the topic of "Transatlantic Cooperation and Security after 9/11". Approximately 20 alumni participated.

13. PERSONNEL/RESOURCES/LOGISTICS

1A. PERSONNEL:

1) PERSPECTIVE GAINS: Lt Col Eugene Moty, new ODC Chief, arrived 25 Jun 05
2) PERSPECTIVE LOSSES: Lt Col Claytor, projected departure date is 21 Jul 05

3) ATTACHED PERSONNEL:

- Kathy Lance, English Teacher, one-year contract
- John Stephens, English Teacher, one-year contract
- Helen Prevost, English Teacher, one-year contract
- Kristin Pedroja, Test Developer, one-year contract
- Samo Drnovsek, limited PSA contract, Mil-to-Mil

4) ODC CHIEF APPROVED TDY/LEAVE: None

5) RATING SCHEME CHANGES: None

6) EXTENSIONS/CURTAILMENTS: None

1B. RESOURCES. Vehicles and ADP equipment are 100% operational.

14. WAY AHEAD: We are continuing the transition of the office from Lt Col Claytor to Lt Col Moty and will be complete on 11 July.

15. CHIEF COMMENTS:

1A. ACSA. The US Embassy accepted changes to the Slovene translation of ACSA as proposed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs diplomatic note (dated 6 May 05). On 6 July, Slovenia's MOD signed a letter to the U.S. DoD confirming that all internal procedures for implementing the agreement were completed. ACSA entered into force on 6 July 2005.

1B. Gasper Kresnik was named "FSN of the Year" by the US Embassy Ljubljana; the Ambassador presented the award at an awards ceremony in June. Irena Cufar received the Meritorious Honor award for exceptional performance. Irena also received an award from the Commander of the 1st Brigade in recognition of her assistance and support of operations and development of units of the First Brigade.

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